

REMARKS

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Amendments set forth above be entered.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

In the Claims:

1 55. (Once Amended) A prescription method of treating tissue comprising the steps of:
2 first creating a tissue treatment plan for the tissue to be treated, which treatment plan specifies
3 [the] a number and spacing of treatment seeds to be provided in a strand; and
4 second creating a treatment strand by molding treatment seeds in a material.

1 57. (Once Amended) The method of claim 55 wherein:
2 wherein said first creating step specifies radioactive seeds and optimal spacings between each
3 pair of seeds; and
4 wherein said second creating step creates strands to the specified optimal spacings prescribed.

1 61. (Once Amended) The method of claim 55 wherein:
2 said first creating step uses an imaging device[s] [for creating] to create a treatment plan.

1 79. (New) A prescription method of treating tissue comprising the steps of:
2 first accepting a tissue treatment plan for the tissue to be treated, which treatment plan specifies
3 the spacing of treatment seeds to be provided in a strand; and
4 second, creating a treatment strand during which second step the spacing between treatment
5 seeds can be independently set.

1 80. (New) The method of claim 79 wherein said creating step creates a treatment strand by molding
2 treatment seeds in a material.

1 81. (New) The method of claim 79 wherein said treatment plan specifies the treatment seed type.

1 82. (New) The method of claim 79 wherein said creating step creates a strand to the optimal
2 spacing prescribed in the treatment plan.

1 83. (New) The method of claim 79 wherein said accepting step accepts a treatment plan created
2 using an imaging device to image the tissue for which the treatment plan is prescribed.

1 84. (New) The method of claim 79 wherein the first accepting step accepts a tissue treatment plan
2 created by a computer program.

1 85. (New) A prescription method of treating tissue comprising the steps of:
2 first accepting a tissue treatment plan for the tissue to be treated, which treatment plan specifies
3 a number and spacing of treatment seeds to be provided in a strand; and
4 second creating a treatment strand by molding treatment seeds in a material.

1 86. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein:
2 said first accepting step accepts a tissue treatment plan created by a computer program.

1 87. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein:
2 wherein said first accepting step accepts a treatment plan that specifies radioactive seeds and
3 optimal spacings between each pair of seeds; and
4 wherein said second creating step creates strands to the specified optimal spacings prescribed.

1 88. (New) The method of claim 87 wherein:
2 said second creating step is performed positioning radioactive seeds in a mold at the optimal
3 spaces and pouring in a material to mold the radioactive seeds in place.

1 89. (New) The method of claim 88 wherein:
2 said material that is poured is a bio-absorbable material.

1 90. (New) The method of claim 89 wherein:
2 said material that is poured in is a polymer material.

1 91. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein:
2 said first accepting step uses a tissue treatment plan created using an imaging device.